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Max Brewster's 1979 Spitfire

Some of you have seen this car in the parking lot at gaggles and wondered what the heck it is. Beginning in this issue of the Herald, Max will write a series of articles detailing how he transformed a stock Spitfire 1500 (upper left) into what some other RMTTC members call the Spitfire From Hell.

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The RMTc is an organization devoted to the use, preservation and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles; it is a Chapter of the [Vintage Triumph Register](#). Although the majority of the approximately 180 memberships are from the Denver metro area, we have active members in Wyoming, New Mexico, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and England! Each membership is a "family" membership and children are a frequent and welcome addition to the club activities.

The scheduled monthly dinner meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except for January, June and December). Drinks and dinner at 6:00 PM with the meeting starting at 7:00PM and usually being over by 9:00 PM. We are meeting at **4G's Restaurant** at 5950 S. Platte Canyon Rd. in Littleton.

Send Newsletter Material to Dave Fain via e-mail dave@rockymountainr.org telephone 303-438-5615 or mail to 3158 W. 134th Pl, Broomfield, CO 80020. Deadline is usually the Friday following

the monthly meeting. Digital photos are welcome and might even end up on the club web page.

An electronic version of our newsletter is available—it's in full color and you get it about one week before the paper copy (use Adobe Acrobat to read and print it; it can be downloaded free from www.Adobe.com). Let Dave know if you would like to be on this list; it saves the club about \$12/year per member if you don't want the paper copy. We will place the newsletter on a web server and email you the link so that you can download it at your convenience so no huge files clogging your mailbox.

Commercial Advertising is available in the newsletter ranging from \$5 for one month up to \$500 for a full page for one year. Contact Bil Gillespie for more details

New memberships (and renewals) are always welcome; contact Max Brewster. He can also tell you of changes of address or telephone numbers for members.

RMTc Membership Report By Max Brewster Current membership is 136 families. New Members

Chris Redd, Judith Steed, and Sophie Redd 1963 TR4, 1971 GT6
Jim and Marian Taylor None At Present

April is here and we are kicking it off with an event that is always popular, the breakfast at Red Rocks Grill. Be sure to get your **RSVP** in to Brooks.

We have a new site for the Spring Car Show at Colorado Mills Shopping Center. They are going to block off a street in front of the mall for the cars. This is a very high traffic area and will give us the club a lot of exposure so let's have a big turnout. Details will be in the events section next month.

The weather is starting to warm up and I am trying to get the Triumphs ready for the season. The Six has been out a couple of times already and as soon as my new clutch line arrives I'll get the Seven back on the road. How about everyone else, are the cars ready for summer? Hope to see a lot of them at Red Rocks Grill next Sunday.

Terry

My 1979 Triumph Spitfire 2300T

By Max Brewster

On our first trip to the Glenwood Springs Rallye, my wife, Linda, and I were traveling with a group of TR6's. I was keeping up pretty well with my little Spitfire until we hit the hill by Climax on our way to Leadville. The TR6 parade passed me like I was standing still. At that moment, I decided I wanted more power. This is what started the conversion from a Spitfire 1500 to a Spitfire 2300T. A Spitfire 2300T? It now has a 2.3 liter turbocharged Ford engine under the bonnet. In the next few newsletters, I plan to write about the transformation of my Spitfire.

What do I like most about my Triumph Spitfire? It's the styling above all. It's timeless. I get various reactions from people when I drive it. People rolling down their window and asking "what kind of car is that?" or commenting on what a cool car it is. I get these comments while driving on the road, in parking lots, and at drive up windows. Other Triumph club members I have talked to get similar reactions to their cars. It's a great feeling!

I bought the car five years ago from a co-worker who bought it from a carpenter. The carpenter had tried to rebuild the engine and even got it running. One problem, no oil pressure. My co-worker drove it home and of course it developed a knock. When I was considering buying the car, I noticed it was totally rust free. I bought the car for \$500 and proceeded to tear down the engine. I was curious as to why the engine did not seize with no oil pressure. When I pulled the timing chain cover I found that the oil gallery plug was missing. That explained it. I was getting oil to the bearings but no pressure. It chewed up the rod and main beatings so I rebuilt the engine. The rebuild went well and it made 58 horsepower at the rear wheels on the dyno at Computer Car Care. That's pretty good for a Spitfire with a stock exhaust and a single Zenith carburetor. I fixed some minor body damage, painted the car the original Leyland White, and added blue LeMans stripes.

In this issue of the newsletter, I am including some current pictures and pictures of the car before I started the conversion. In future articles, I will have pictures of components I had to fabricate, pictures of the modified frame, and body modifications. I hope you enjoy the articles and find them interesting.






Composed at the Lucas electric typewriter.

Yep, it's springtime in Colorado. I managed to get the Millennium Falcon out for a day in between snow storms. Now it's Sunday, the weather is beautiful and I am stuck in front of the computer because this newsletter has to go out tonight. Such is the life of a newsletter editor.

As Bob noted in his Archives column, 1995 is about the time I joined the RMTC after moving here from New Mexico. Brad Reed was the Prime Minister and we were meeting at a place called The Parlour on Broadway. We parted company with The Parlour shortly after an unfortunate incident in which they had scheduled a banquet with a certain local motorcycle club in the other end of the room while we were trying to conduct a meeting, an event which still brings chuckles to those who were around at the time. Terrie Sorensen was the newsletter editor and I remember typing up articles on my Commodore 64 computer, printing them out on my high tech dot

matrix printer, and faxing them to her because I hadn't figured out how to send attached files on my blindingly fast 300 bps modem. At that time, the newsletter was literally cut and pasted together with tape and scissors to get it ready for the printer. Back to the present. I was beginning a 2 week road trip as I was finishing up the March issue of the Herald. I put the finishing touches on it on a laptop computer in a motel room in Albuquerque and emailed it right to the print shop back in Denver. Isn't technology wonderful?

For those of you who are web enabled (if you don't know what that means, you probably aren't so you can skip to the next paragraph), the Vintage Triumph Register has nearly completed a complete overhaul of their web site after getting seriously hacked last year. The new site is much slicker and easier to use than the old one, although the link to the RMTC still isn't working right, which I have brought to their attention. Check it out at www.vtr.org. You will like it.

Once again, it's time for our annual spring visit to the Red Rocks Grill in Morrison. Details are on the events page. They are always happy to see us and go out of their way to make sure we have a good time there. Chances are pretty good that the weather will be right for a short drive into the hills after breakfast to blow the dust off of your Triumph so please join us if you can.

Remember, life is too short to drive boring cars (or to drink cheap beer). That is why you joined this club so get that Triumph out of the garage and enjoy the spring weather.

Treasurer's Report February, 2005

Treasurer, Lynette Kirkham

Full details are available at board meetings or see Lynette.

Income

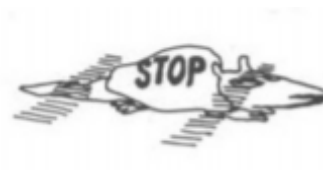
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| Banquet | 1750.00 |
| Christmas Party | 35.88 |
| Membership Dues | 175.00 |
| Raffle | 28.00 |
| Regalia | 25.00 |
| Total | 2013.88 |

Remember, this does not show the banquet refunds. Those will appear on the March statement. They have all been mailed so if someone didn't get theirs, please let Lynette know.

Total Income

Expenses

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| Postage | 129.40 |
| Printing and reproduction | 29.57 |
| Banquet | 88.99 |
| Total Expenses | 247.96 |
| Net Income | 1765.92 |



AHH Spring! Time to spruce up our cars, drop the top and go for a drive – oh wait, it is snowing! It is so frustrating for me to only be home on weekends. After driving rental cars all week I so much look forward to coming home and playing with my toys and going for drives. So after being in ether Tulsa or Houston in warm weather to come home to snow just plain hurts!

In 1995, just a brief 10 years ago, Brad Reed was our Prime Minister. Terrie Sorensen was the newsletter editor and in the February issue she writes, ‘Glenn and I have been club members since 1989 and he has wanted to do the newsletter for quite some time but since he doesn’t know how to use the computer he suggested I become the editor.’ This really made me laugh for 2 reasons; 1 – someone actually wanted to be the newsletter editor, and 2 – Glenn did not know how to use a computer. I wonder if he has since learned!

Each month of the newsletter featured a different member’s car on the cover and a brief write up about the member and their car inside. The club treasury was quite low, starting the year with just over \$1000.00 and Brad was looking for ways to bring in more funds. There was an event at the convention center, the Tri-State Auto Show where the club set up a booth and displayed 8 cars. This required that the 8 cars remain the entire weekend and 20 club members ‘worked’ the event talking to people and handing out club information.

The usual events were held throughout the year. The RMTc Spring Car Show was held at Clement Park, Glenn Sorensen was in charge of the Glenwood Car Show and it was moved from the K-Mart Parking lot to Two Rivers Park for the first time. There were 64 cars in the show. I believe the first annual ‘Kenney Moonlight Drive’ was held this year as there was a review of the event in the August issue and this is the first time I have seen it referred to in the archives. The drive was a success, 24 Triumphs participated and it was decided to hold the event again the following year. The Conclave tour ended up In Colorado Springs, 100 cars took part in the tour and 487 cars attended the conclave.

A few other recognizable name pop up throughout the year. Dave Fain started pushing the Rio Grande Valley Regional Rendezvous in New Mexico. He also took 3rd place for GT6 and the farthest distance award at the South Central VTR in Texas. It was also reported in May that Dave used this thing called the Internet as a resource for information on all things Triumph. In July, Glenn Sorensen took second place for early TR6’s at the VTR convention in Rockford, Illinois. Rod Tompkins arranged for the club to adopt a 2 mile stretch of Colorado 119 near Rollinsville. New members in 1995 included Tom Deats and Neil McCready.

The last weekend I was in town, RMVR was holding its driver’s school out at Second Creek Raceway (we have it for one more year). I went out to watch on Saturday and there are a few more Triumphs and drivers from our club racing this year. Tom Deats will be racing in a Frogeye Sprite and there is a TR6 and another Spitfire in the field. I was talking with some folks and we will be trying to have another track day or two for non-racers to take their cars out and I will keep you informed as it transpires. Do try to get out to Second Creek for the races this year and root for our drivers. The races are quite fun and this is definitely the last year Second Creek will be open.

Planning for this year’s Glenwood Rallye and the Conclave is underway, Even though I am not in town I am still serving on the boards and, once again, will write the tours for both events (hey, I have to do something on weekends when I am home!). This year the Glenwood Rallye will be on Friday, Denver to Glenwood, and the Tour will be on Saturday, starting and finishing in Glenwood. We decided a few years ago to alternate the tour and rallye routes to help keep the event fresh. Start planning now for this year’s event, June 10-11-12.



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Sunday, April 3rd: Breakfast at Red Rocks Grill with gaggle to follow. We gather here for an early breakfast once or twice a year so most of you know it's a great place to start a spring gaggle. The Red Rocks Grill is located near the west end of downtown Morrison. We need to be there shortly after they open so that we can get in and out before the usual Sunday breakfast rush hits. Meet at 8:30AM at the restaurant. You can park on the street, in the lot across the street, or in the Morrison Liquor lot next door (Triumphs only, please) since they are closed on Sunday.

The Red Rocks Grill features good food at a reasonable cost and plenty of it. To make things easy for the kitchen, you will have your choice of 3 of their most popular breakfast items: the breakfast burrito, the Canadian skillet with ham, scrambled eggs and hash browns smothered in hollandaise sauce, or French toast. You definitely need to **RSVP** to Brooks at 303 794-3950 or brooks@rockymountaintr.org by Friday evening April 1 or face the wrath of the **BPR**. If you have been here before, you know what we mean. Please indicate which of the above dishes you will be ordering. You can change your mind later, but this will give the kitchen some idea what to have prepared.

Morrison is located off of C-470 between 285 and I-70. Take the Morrison exit and go west up the hill through town. Colorado Springs members can meet at the usual place at the McDonald's on Academy Blvd around 7:00 if you want to convoy up together. We will go for a drive afterwards.

Tuesday, April 5. RMTC Board Meeting at Cheshire Cat, located on Ralston Rd. (58th) west of Wadsworth. We will meet for dinner and drinks at 6:00PM, meeting begins at 7:00PM. All RMTC members are welcome to attend. If you show up for 3 board meetings in a row, you may find yourself nominated for the board this fall. We will meet in a private room upstairs.

Saturday, April 9. 12th Annual Society of Automotive Engineers Car Show in Golden. 11:00AM to 4:30PM at Colorado School of Mines on Elm Street between 16th and 18th. Entry fee \$20. All types of vehicles are invited including muscle cars, imports, low riders, street rods, etc.

Tuesday, April 19. RMTC General Meeting at 4G's at 5950 S. Platte Canyon Rd. at Bowles unless we come up with a better idea. Meet for dinner and drinks at 6:00PM, meeting begins promptly somewhere around 7:00PM and should be over by 9:00. The 4G's has pretty good Mexican food and a good selection of beer. Give it a try if you haven't been here.

Tuesday, May 3. RMTC Board Meeting probably at Cheshire Cat. Ask a board member.

Saturday, May 7th. Tech Session at Gordon Kenney's Garage. It's time to tune-up that Triumph and get it ready for a busy season of exploring this beautiful state with your fellow Triumph enthusiasts. The annual tune-up session is a good time to put in new spark plugs, check the timing, adjust and balance the carbs, check all the tires for proper inflation (including the spare!), complete your spare parts bag, and maybe learn something about your Triumph you didn't already know. The SUN diagnostic machine will also be available for more complete testing. Gordon has a floor jack, several jack stands, etc., but does not have a lift (so it's not the best place to do an oil change).

This year everyone who attends will receive a FREE "Triumph Emergency Tool" that any owner of an old car should have; this tool has saved more than one Triumph from being stalled alongside the road. The Kenney's home in the SE metro area is in the little town of Foxfield. From the intersection of Arapahoe Road and Parker Road, go ¾ mile east on Arapahoe Road, then turn right onto Buckley Road and go ¾ mile south to the NE corner of Buckley and Fremont Ave at 16821 E. Fremont Ave (303-766-7826).

The garage opens about 9:00AM. Coffee, juice and donuts will be available and at about 11:30 we will drive somewhere for lunch. RSVP's NOT REQUIRED. If you want to learn to work on your Triumph but aren't sure where to start, there will be plenty of experienced mechanics around to give you lots of free advice. You won't find an easier car to learn on than a Triumph.

Saturday, May 14th: Car Show in St. Francis KS. Cheyenne County Cruisers present the 5th annual Saturday in the Park from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at Sawhill Park. Lunch will be available at the park. \$15 pre-registration by April 28 qualifies you for a chance to win a set of tires donated by St. Francis Tires. \$20 day of show. Flyers will be available at the April RMTC meeting. There will be a Friday night social

from 7:00PM to whenever it appears to be over at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant featuring 50's and 60's music and burgers and malts at special prices. Things will wrap up with a dance at the Dusty Farmer at 9:00PM on Saturday night.

For lodging, call the Dusty Farmer Restaurant and Motel 785 332-2200, Empire Motel 785 332-2231 or 785 332-2168. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve a room. There will be a number of RMTTC members attending. Call Brooks Turner or Terry Hughes if you want to convoy over as a group.

Tuesday, May 17. RMTTC General Meeting. Drive your Triumph

May 22nd: RMTTC Spring Car Show. We will hold this year's show at Colorado Mills shopping center on West Colfax. Full details in the May issue of the Herald.

May 28-June 5th Drive Your British Car Week. Drive your Triumph everywhere and be sure to wave if you see another British car on the road.

Saturday, June 4. 37th Annual Old Car Council Swap Meet at Adams County Fairgrounds in Brighton 8AM-3PM. Call 303 972-3575 or email to blue90gramma@comcast.net for information.

Friday-Sunday June 10-12. 53rd Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs. The oldest continuously held rally in the United States. 250 enthusiasts with over 130 cars are expected to participate. The majestic Colorado Rocky Mountains are the backdrop for the 53rd Annual running of the MG Car Club's Rallye Glenwood Springs. For fifty-two years, vintage and classic cars throughout the Rocky Mountain region have shared the road with their newer counterparts for a weekend of fun and octane related festivities.

The three day event begins on Friday with the 53rd Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs, a time, speed, distance event to challenge the novice as well as the experienced rallyist, involving all participants, from Denver to Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Saturday's main event is a Tour through the scenic areas surrounding Glenwood Springs, beginning and ending in Glenwood. The weekend culminates with the Car Show and Funkhana on Sunday morning.

Sunday, June 19th: Fathers Day Picnic. Black Forest Regional Park near Colorado Springs. No June meeting, this is it. Driving directions will be provided. The club will furnish burgers and brats (fire conditions permitting), pop, plates, etc. Please bring your favorite salad, side dish, dessert or left over fruitcakes to share. We have reserved a picnic pavillion at the park and will be arranging volleyball and other fun stuff for kids of all ages. More details next month or contact Dave at KF21857@comcast.net. We will arrange a meeting place on the south side of Denver so that everybody can convoy down together. Driving directions will be provided if you want to drive down on your own. We have invited the MGCC to join us this year.

July 3-4 The Great Race will be in Denver.

July: Tech Session at Computer Cars. Date and time to be announced.

Saturday, August 13th Gordon Kenney's Moonlight Drive. Strategically planned for a night when the moon is full. We will begin with a potluck dinner and go for a drive afterwards.

August 12-14 Centrix Grand Prix of Denver.

September 17th-18th Colorado Conclave. We will return to Oak Park in Arvada this year.

Call Events Coordinator Brooks Turner at 303 794-3950 for information on these or any other RMTTC events. Call Brooks with ideas for future brunch destinations or other suggestive ideas.

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RMTC Board Meeting Minutes by Kitty Topper

RMTC Board Meeting March 7, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Cheshire Cat in Arvada, Colorado. Present were Terry Hughes, Max Brewster, Andy DeVisscher, Andrew Janiesch, Kitty Topper, and Bob Becwar.

MEMBERSHIP (Max Brewster – Proud New Grandfather) Max will transfer letter with survey onto letter-head and will mail with S.A.S.E. to 43 lapsed members. Max started to mail membership renewal reminders separately. Max wants to check mailbox before final mailing. Noted that a time delay occurs from the time membership totals are reported and the mail is received from PO Box.

NEWSLETTER (Dave Fain) Enjoying Vacation! March newsletter distributed. Written on the road and emailed to the printer. Isn't technology wonderful?

REGALIA (Andy DeVisscher) Andy brought updated inventory of regalia. He will order items for Spring Car show and raffles. Will check into ordering patches and stickers w/ RMTC logo. Andy will check with Bob Gloyd to transfer any dated regalia (dash plaques, gold pans, etc) into the Archives.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Lynnette Kirkham) Enjoying Florida vacation! No report.

As of January 31st – see attached

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| Current Assests: | Checking/Savings | \$ 6,378.25 |
| | VTR Checking & Savings | <u>\$ 7,652.86</u> |
| | Total: | \$ 14031.11 |

VICE PRIME MINISTER (Andrew Janiesch) 2 Triumphs! 1. Andrew suggested ordering generic business cards for all members. The card could have RMTC logo and website on front and on back members can personalize it with their name or name@rockymountaintr.org email address. Terry will look into ordering cards. 2. Suggested targeting specific events and running an ad in the newspaper under the car section. Andrew noted that the Ads are expensive, but may reach other car enthusiasts. Kitty volunteered to submit PSA's re: club events to newspaper and radio stations. 3. Suggested RMTC host a car wash. If interested or if you know of a business or visible venue that would allow this event, please contact Andrew.

PUBLICITY (Brooks Turner) Payment received for every ad published in March newsletter. \$50 received from Colorado Crank Shaft.

EVENTS (Brooks Turner)

Spring Car Show scheduled for May 22 at the Colorado Mills Mall, will keep Heritage Square as a back up venue until Mills venue is locked in. Bob Becwar reported his research into hosting car show in Golden. A lot of paperwork, permits, costs and conflicting community events disqualify Golden as a feasible venue.

April 3, Red Rocks Gaggle. Need to confirm schedule for 2 Tech sessions for May and June. Fathers' Day Picnic will serve as our June general meeting. RMTC would like to invite MG club to picnic, host friendly competitions, and possible gaggle to picnic. Will ask Dave Fain to invite MG club. Kitty Topper is looking for volunteers to host and assist with a Progressive Dinner Gaggle in late August or September.



The Edge. There is no honest way to explain it because the only people who really know where it is are the ones who have gone over.

Hunter S. Thompson

Meeting Minutes (continued) by Kitty Topper

Brooks is researching costs of renting a double decker bus for a RMTC pub crawl. If interested in assisting or volunteering for any RMTC events please contact Brooks or any board member ASAP.

MINISTER OF LETTERS (Kitty Topper) February minutes previously submitted.

MINISTER OF ARCHIVES (Bob Gloyd) On the Road again... No report

NEW BUSINESS (Terry Hughes)

1. Plaque has been found. It was at 4G's but not on display. Terry took custody of plaque.
2. Nancy bought Mary Bauman's car.
3. Banquet refund checks have been mailed and received by most members. If you attended but have not received your refund, please contact Lynette Kirkham.
4. Board voted to change board meeting nights from 1st Monday to 1st Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Topper


Why My TR6 Is Not Red By Shawn Loseke

Some of you know my TR6 quite well while others may not as my schedule has kept me from many club activities the last couple of years. When I purchased my TR6 in 1991, it had been painted a sort of blue-ish green with a slight metallic gleam. Originally the car was Pimento Red and the engine bay still showed this color. From the early days of ownership, I dreamed of painting the car a deep red.

Fast forward to Labor Day weekend 1998. A rag-tag group of 8 BMCNCer's was making a pilgrimage to the vintage races in Steamboat Springs. The featured marque at the car show and races in 1998 was Ford and I chose to drive my other LBC, a white 1968 Ford Cortina 1600GT. As I led the group up Highway 14 through Poudre Canyon, I realized that what I was seeing in my rearview mirror was downright frightening. Bill and Linda Wardlow were pulling up the rear of the column in their yellow TR7 and every car in between their yellow car and my white car was RED! Not all the same shade of red, mind you, as that would have been far too weird, but they were all red just the same. When we stopped at the Moose Observation Center outside of Gould for a group photo, I remarked to Bill that I no longer desired to paint my car red. After one look at the cars lined up for the photo, Bill chuckled and understood my comment without question.

Fast forward again to Super Bowl Sunday 2001, the day after a rather hearty late January snow storm had swept across the Front Range of Colorado. My trusty blue-ish green Triumph, complete with a red factory hard top had successfully taken me to the Rocky Mountain Triumph Club's annual banquet the night before during the worst part of the storm and it was the only Triumph in attendance at a Triumph Club event, thank you very much. The next day, Super Bowl Sunday, I began the long trek home through the snow. That is until I became car #8 in a 40 car pile up. After sliding for two hundred feet, my TR6 came to rest against the bumper of a brown Toyota Camry. Okay, came to rest isn't quite right, bounced off of it is more like it. The result was bent body panels, the bonnet, front valence, left outer and inner fenders and a front bumper that was now quite friendly with my left front tire. In order to repair and repaint the car properly, all the paint needed to be removed from the car. I now had the choice to paint the car any color I desired. The color red never even entered my mind. In fact, that blue-ish green color had sort of grown on me. I found a modern color that was nearly identical to it with the help of Mark McKeon and a Ford Escort color choice brochure. So now my TR6, except for the (removable) hard top, is a blue variant of Ford's aquamarine frost, a color choice that is sure to make my TR6 the only TR6 in the country, if not in the world, that particular hue. At least it's not red. Not that there is anything wrong with the color red.

Plagiarized from The Oil Rag. Shawn is a long time RMTC and BMCNC member.



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For Sale: 1968 GT6. Runs and drives well. Excellent oil pressure. Needs paint and very little rust repair (really). Overall, the body is very solid. Like new front bumper, new tires, front brakes, rear brakes, battery, hoses, belts, fuel pump, tune-up bits, wipers, CD stereo, and carpets. Interior vinyl in very good shape. Fuel tank boiled out and sealed. Speedo just rebuilt, tacho needs to be repaired, everything else works great. Comes with new header, monza exhaust, and camber compensator for rear suspension. Also comes with a box full of spares and other bits. No reasonable offer refused. Located in Carbondale. Call Andy at 970-963-8297. RMTc member. (03-05)

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For Sale: 1962 TR3B, mostly original, GREAT driver in really good shape. White with black trim. Overdrive, telescopic steering, steel wheels, almost new tonneau & top; side curtains need windows replaced. Asking \$12,500. Call Linda or Thom at 303/985-0310. Former RMTC car (12-04)

For Sale: 1974 TR6. Second owner, all receipts since new. Funky paint job over undamaged body. Good original top and interior. Basically good condition but has developed an ignition or fuel problem. Over \$8K invested. Owner is motivated, make offer. Valerie Ritterbusch 720-252-6371 valritterbusch@myawai.com Must sell **ASAP**. (12-04)

For Sale: 1964 TR4. Unfinished project. Car is almost rebuilt from the chassis up. Red with black interior. Needs paint and interior reinstalled. Engine runs well. Extra 1963 parts. \$4500.00 firm. Call David 303-699-6486 or email to dwoelfel@cherrycreekschools.org Car located in Centennial, CO. (12-04)

For Sale: 1962 TR4. Overdrive. Parked since 1977, mostly inside. Needs to be restored. Some body rust. A few extra parts. \$2000.00 Call David 303-699-6486 dwoelfel@cherrycreekschools.org (12-04) *Combine this with the free TR250 on the previous page and you will have a TR250.*

For Sale: 1975 TR6. Carmine red with tan interior. Approx 60K miles. 2nd owner, garaged continually since purchased in 1977. Original, well maintained, very good to excellent condition, no body or chassis rust. Engine strong, drives well. Professionally inspected/appraised at \$13000. Asking \$12000. Located in Lakewood, CO. Call Earl at 303 969-0844 (11-04)

For Sale: 1972 TR6. Looks and runs great, mostly original. 73K miles. \$7500. James 303 842-7825 (11-04)

For Sale: 1980 TR8 Coupe. 5 speed, 3.5L aluminum V8, dual carbs, 125000 miles, sunroof, cruise control, power brakes/steering, AM/FM cassette, security system, A/C. Repainted original Carmine Red. Clean body with no dings, clean interior, garaged. \$4000. Digital photos available. Call Amy 303 694-6183. (09-04)

For sale: 1975 Spitfire parts. Wiring harnesses, springs, side marker lights, many small parts. I sold my Spitfire and bought a 1959 TR3A and do not have room for parts I will not be using. (303) 469-4550 or email to javt4@msn.com. Vic Vigo-Torres (09-04)

Wanted: 15 X 5 or 15 X 5.5 Panasport MiniLite wheels, centerlock, not bolt-on. Andrew E. Reed, areed@arcadis-us.com (303)478-5658 (08-04)

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